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do or not to do business with their co-op.

SENATOR KOCH: Now the patrons who belong to these co-ops, they are in favor of LB 382, as is.

SENATOR DICKINSON: That is my under...I have not had any indication to the contrary, Senator Koch. Now there has been some expression here this morning that perhaps some of them are concerned that it could very well be possible that their cash dividend would not cover their federal income tax obligation, depending on what income tax bracket they are in. Most of us are not that fortunate.

SENATOR KOCH: I understand your problem, Senator Dickinson.

PRESIDENT: Considering the number of lights that are still on, there doesn't seem any way that this matter can come to a vote this morning. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature and Mr. Chairman, today, January 15th is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. I asked the Governor a few days ago, would he issue a proclamation recognizing this day and we buried the hatchet. Not really, he did issue the proclamation. I want to acknowledge it, and with your indulgence, I would like to read the Proclamation into the record. It is very brief, and I did not choose the resolution method of carrying it through the Legislature. "Whereas during his life, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a prophetic voice in American for the ideas of nonviolence and justice, and whereas, he lived and died by his personal conviction that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, Martin Luther King, Jr. is still remembered as one who brought us into hope, not only to this country but to the entire world, and whereas, it is fitting and proper to stop and reflect on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and accomplishments with appropriate observances, now, therefore, I, J. James Exon, Governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim Thursday, January 15th, 1976 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Nebraska and I urge all citizens to reflect upon the ideals of Dr. King during the day and further urge appropriate observances on the local level. In witness, whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the great seal of Nebraska to be affixed." I think this particular act by the Governor, although it is symbolic, is very appropriate, especially in view of the difficult times that may be ahead for Omaha in trying to implement a court order to desegregate the schools. If people can realize that children's rights, children's safety are what are at stake, then perhaps the principles that guided Martin Luther King can be a guiding light for this particular struggle coming up. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I appreciate your indulgence.

PRESIDENT: Thank you for discharging this responsibility, Senator. Do you have anything on your desk, Mr. Clerk?